

Goshen Township

*Mahoning County, Ohio
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to: State Representative Jason Stephens
Senator Michael A. Rulli

re: ***HB 450***

As a fiscal officer, I agree that the Certificate of Transition checklist is needed to provide a smooth exchange of information between the outgoing and incoming fiscal officers of the state.

In my twelve years as a fiscal officer, I've heard many stories of transition:
no cooperation from the outgoing fiscal officer
anger from losing an election, so little to no training during the transition
knowing your records are in a mess, so wait and let the new officer figure it out.

When I took over, I was not allowed in the office until my office started – April 1st.
Luckily, a fiscal officer from a neighboring township came to my rescue.

Please adopt HB 450 for the protection of incoming officers.



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Fiscal Officer